

**BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 21, 2024**

The regular meeting was called to order by Council President Bill Starn at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. It was announced that the meeting was being recorded, and the roll was called.

Attendance -- Council Members attending included Bryan Landman, David Lee, Jim Turnbull, and Ryan Errett. Other officials in attendance included Police Chief David Stanislawski, Fire Chief Jason Medlin, Tax Collector Nadine Galbreath, and Secretary/Treasurer Jack Doyle.

Agenda – Bryan Landman moved that the Agenda be approved, Jim Turnbull seconded, and the Council approved the Agenda.

Minutes – Bryan Landman moved that the minutes from January 17, 2024 be approved. Ryan Errett seconded. Council approved.

Mr. Paganie announced that there was an Executive Session prior to the regular meeting to discuss litigation matters.

Special Presentation—Magistrate Dirk Goodwald discussed the functions of his office and answered questions from the Council and guests.

Visitors – Nobody sought recognition.

Police Report – The January Police Report showed 56 calls for service, with two warnings for parking.

Fire Report – The Fire Company responded to 17 calls in January. The Fire Department has received a grant for just over \$14,000, which will be used to pay down the balance on Engine 33. Chief Medlin also has applied for a grant to be used for the purchase of an AED (Automated External Defibrillator).

Solicitor – No report.

Code Enforcement – No report.

Correspondence – Beaver Falls sent a copy of their Act 537 Plan Update, asking for any comments within 60 days. Frank will review, and a copy of the document will be available in the office.

Tax Collector – Nadine reported deposits of \$3,824.70 in January. The 2024 tax bills will be mailed out on March 1. Residents have until March 31 to pay their 2023 taxes, before they are turned over to the County for collection. Unpaid taxes for 2023 amount to \$5,838.51.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer provided a report of receipts, with a check from Comcast for just over \$10,000.

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Public Safety Committee – Bryan asked that people be more aware of children now that the weather is getting warmer.

Buildings and Grounds – Nothing new to report.

Streets and Sewers – Tri-State is continuing to video our sewers. They have completed the storm sewers and need to have some catch basin grates removed. They will provide reports when they are finished.

Recreation – Gretchen D’Atri has agreed to work with Lindsey Beegle on the Borough’s Community Day. Gretchen works for the Beaver County Office on Recreation and Tourism. She discussed some of their ideas with the Council, and should have a date chosen for this year’s Community Day by next month’s meeting.

Recycling – Nothing new.

Budget and Finance – Nothing to report.

Rental Property – Nothing new to report.

New Business – (1) It was decided to put together a list of residents with dead or dying trees that have become hazards as limbs fall off during storms. They would be made aware that they are responsible for maintaining or removing these trees.

(2) Jim Turnbull discussed the bamboo that is being grown, intentionally or not, in Patterson Heights. It was determined that the bamboo should be included in a list of nuisances by way of ordinance. Council members were asked to bring a list of suggested items to be included to next month’s meeting.

(3) One resident asked if he could have a parking spot designated as “no parking” next to his house. Council did not grant his request. The man also asked if his autistic son could be placed on a “special needs” list. It was determined that it could be done through the County.

(4) The property at 610 5th Street will need to get a variance if they want to build a garage.

Old Business – Tri-State is still taking video of the storm sewer, which is needed for the next step in the USDA loan process.

(2) The large truck parking on 5th Street has been dealt with.

(3) The salt spreader has become a dead issue for now, due to lack of interest by suppliers.

(4) Regarding a one-haul system for trash pickup, the only information that could be found was a petition signed by 70 residents, saying that they did not want it. There was no date on the petition. Most of the complaints on current haulers come from the service provided by Aiken Refuse.

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(5) Council looked at the pricing on the feasibility study for rehabilitating the existing borough buildings, and decided that financing the rehab or new construction needs to be considered first. The firefighters plan to go to Pine Run Fire Department to get information on their new building, and report back to Council.

Mayor – No report.

COG – No report.

Emergency Management – Nothing to report.

Fiscal and Contractual – Bryan Landman moved that the bills be paid or ratified as presented. Rich Siget seconded, and Council approved.

Announcements – None,

Adjournment – Bryan Landman moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:21. Rich Siget seconded, and Council approved. The next regular meeting will be April 17, 2024, at 7 p.m.

William A. Starn, Council President

Jack D. Doyle, Secretary